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Kids in cars



Brian Lee

Finally, it's over. March marks the end of that dark season that drives the winter resident to peer inward and ask, "Why do I live here?"

More than seasonal affective disorder, here we suffer a familiar local affliction that creeps into the Pender-bound soul after the New Year.

Suddenly, the qualities of Pender Harbour and Egmont that made you hashtag "Love where you live" back in the summer evaporate.

You question why you stay.

"All the pubs are closed?!"

Or, "This place is social death."

Or, "I miss Vancouver traffic."

If left to fester, it can make you list your home, move to Kelowna and take up a career in jewellery making.

I was recently reminded of this phenomenon by a relative newcomer who I could tell had had enough of the local gloom.

February had pushed this person to criticize all of the life choices that had brought her here.

I recognize it because I've seen it in myself and others many times.

Maybe you picture your alternate self in an urban lounge with well-dressed friends sipping negronis.

The conversation enlightened, energizing, and without a single mention of the dock plan.

But, sadly, you live here.

When you've endured a few episodes of this seasonal angst, it's easy to forget that newcomers are unprepared for it.

They're like babies tasting lemon for the first time.

Veterans of the dreary torment are no more resistant to the condition but understand that it will eventually end with the season.

And, if you think a Pender winter can be dull for adults, try being a

teenager.

Boredom was a sport we played every Friday night in the 1980s.

These days, cellphones and "friend finder" apps show local kids exactly where their friends are.

It's difficult to imagine now that in 1987, if you weren't at home, no one could contact you.

This was when a kid could still get a driver's licence soon after turning 16, so cars were our friend finders.

After picking up a buddy or two, we would head out into the dark to search for others.

Our route demanded checking dozens of potential meet-up spots like "The Rock" in Garden Bay Lake (vulnerable to cops), Beaver Island Grocery (stayed open latest and had pizza), the "Second Sub" (top of Esquire Drive before it was developed), or the Madeira Park shopping centre (where one could hone one's stunt driving skills in a time before security cameras).

When we passed an acquaintance on the road, it was customary to turn around and share knowledge.

"What are you guys doing?"

Nothing, just drivin' around."

"You?"

"Same."

"Teeker said Mitchell 'n them are having a fire at the Second Sub."

Scars from such fires may still be fossilized in the asphalt of then-unpopulated road ends like Camp Burley and Esquire Drive.

Sometimes, after running a couple hundred clicks through the odometer, finding a drunk passed out in his truck in the ditch somewhere might turn out to be the highlight of the night.

But it's still true that few things brighten winter's dimness than an evening joking with friends, even in a car.

Take solace that soon there will be so many people crawling around here, you will crave the isolation, and peace, of February.

PENDER HARBOUR MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS MATTHEW BYRNE: Sunday, March 24 at 2 p.m.

Newfoundland enjoys a long and deep musical tradition. Storytelling through song is a fundamental duty of traditional music and Matthew Byrne does this brilliantly. His repertoire has been shaped by his musical upbringing and Byrne supports this tradition with powerful vocals, polished guitar work and a presence that fills the room. Byrne's last two recordings were each awarded traditional album of the year at the Canadian Folk Music Awards

From *matthewbyrne.net*:

With parents who were both singers and song collectors and a strong family focus on sharing songs, Byrne has inherited a unique repertoire as well as a fascination with unearthing and reimagining traditional songs.

"I'm not a folklorist or ethnomusicologist, at least not officially. And I'm not a purist," he said.

"I've poured over the nuances of the pub standards as much as the obscure murder balladry. What attracts me to a traditional song is the right combination of melody and language, both of which have always fascinated me."

But Byrne is also a student of history whose love of traditional music goes well beyond the words and music. For him, songs are ways of understanding people before him... their lives, work, language, and worldview.

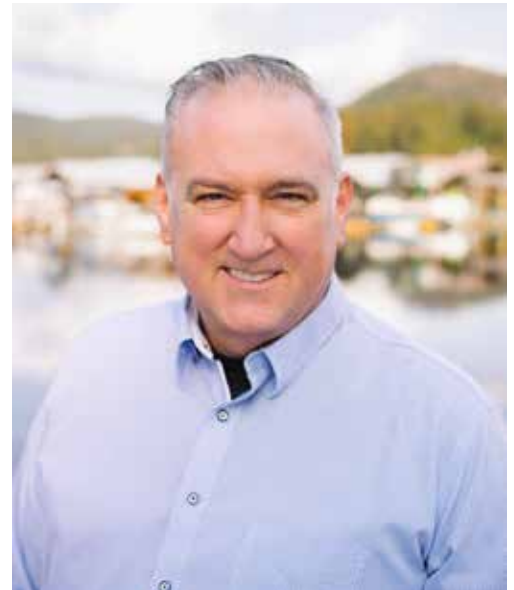
Byrne performs on March 24 at the Pender Harbour School of Music. Tickets are \$30 and are available at www.penderharbourmusic.ca, Harbour Insurance or Strait Music in Sechelt.

LIONS EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Who knows how many decades this tradition has been running but it is still the Easter must-attend event — especially if you have kids. This event is hosted each year by the Pender Harbour Lions Club and sponsored by Lafarge, Earles Creek (the gravel pit across from Egmont). Come out to the Lions Hall at 13776 Hwy. 101 for a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages and bacon before hitting the famous Easter egg hunt at Lions Field at noon. There is indoor and outdoor seating and gluten-free options are also available.



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Close to 600 attend Waterfront Protection Coalition meeting Feb. 13

A virtual presentation hosted by the Waterfront Protection Coalition on Feb. 13 attracted at least 587 people to what was the organization’s first public meeting since they formed in early January.

WPC board member Jim Case kicked things off with an introduction to the issue.

“The report that the government is using to support its (DMP) initiative, regarding the environmental aspect of this policy, is flawed and written in the best interests of the policy itself,” said Case.

“Coalition members are deeply concerned about the potential loss of their docks, the cost of removing the dock, environmental damage caused by removal, and subsequent economic consequences.”

Case listed the four main objectives the WPC is pursuing:

- Grandfathering for all existing structures;

- Fair administrative and appeals process;

- Ensuring the economy and environment are taken into consideration, and

- Building true meaningful relationship with First Nations.

Case made a plea for volunteers to sit on the WPC board and assist associated committees before providing an update on fundraising and budget allocations.

By Feb 19, the group had raised over \$348,000 with a goal of reaching \$1 million.

Of 200 donations to this point, the average gift is \$1,740.

Case provided a rough budget of how the group will likely apportion those funds:

- \$250,000, initial legal budget;
- \$250,000 to government and public relations strategy;
- \$150,000 to science and re-search;

- \$150,000 to communications and media, and

- \$200,000 for contingencies.

In addition to members of the newly formed WPC board, the meeting featured presentations by representatives of the P. H. and Area Residents Association, the Council of B.C. Yachts, Pender Harbour Area Residents Association, Boating B.C., Recreational Dock Owner Society and swiya Lake Stewardship Alliance.

The deadline for submissions to the DMP ended Feb. 16.

The deadline for submissions to the province’s proposed revisions to the Land Act was to end March 31.

On Feb. 21, Nathan Cullen, minister of water, land and resource stewardship, announced that his government will not to proceed with the proposed amendments “to take the time to further engage with people and demonstrate the real benefits of shared decision-making in action.”

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The Pender Harbour Pipe Band after their performance at the Robbie Burns night at the Madeira Park Legion on Jan. 27. Wilma Thompson (middle) was an honoured guest as one of the founders of the pipe band. From left to right: Jim McKnight, Derek Alltree, Charlie Park, Barbara Watt, Wilma Thompson, Craig Trca, Barry Ashley, Ian Mackay, Bill Hunsche.



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Thieves hit Madeira Park IGA for a second time

A rash of break and enters plaguing Pender Harbour continues as thieves hit the Madeira Park IGA for the second time in three months on Feb. 2.

According to IGA store manager Matt McDonald, the most recent break-in occurred at 2:50 a.m. on Feb 2.

In an email, McDonald told the *Harbour Spiel* that,

“RCMP were notified within two minutes of the break in and three officers attended.

“They got here within about 20 minutes.”

McDonald said the thieves gained access through the front doors with a crowbar, “the same way they did in the first break-in.”

Viewed on security cameras, after entering the store, McDonald said both suspects sprinted directly to the secure room where the outdated tobacco and scratch tickets were stolen during a Nov. 11 break-in.

He said that room is now used for storing extra uniforms.

“They ransacked every room upstairs but did not take anything as there is nothing of value left out,” said McDonald.

“The way they knew to go directly to the secure room tells me they were definitely involved in the previous break in.

“After striking out upstairs they then attempted to move our safe in that back room that weighs thousands of pounds and is bolted to the floor.”

After giving up on the safe, one suspect left via the backdoor and the second suspect ran to the customer service counter where they stole a large amount of Energizer batteries and then left via the back door, leaving behind the crowbar that was used to crack the front door.



IGA Madeira Park security images

Security camera images of two thieves involved in a Feb. 2 break in at the Madeira Park IGA.

The first break-in in Nov. 11 occurred during a power outage.

Since the power was out, there was no video surveillance but Scratch and Wins and outdated tobacco were stolen from a secure space on the second floor as well as a large amount of steaks, roasts and bacon.

“RCMP met me at the store about a half hour after the break in,” said McDonald.

“They took some pictures but I never heard back from them.

“BCLC launched its own investigation into the stolen scratch tickets and that file is still open with them.”

In that break-in, access was also gained by breaking the lock on the front door with a crowbar.

In the Feb. 2 break-in, McDonald said a dark-coloured (possibly grey) four-door car was parked in the alley for a quick getaway.

The GRIPS recycling centre was also the victim of a break-in only minutes after the IGA was broken into.

In recent months break-ins have been reported at a variety of local business including the Pender Harbour Golf Course, John Henry’s Store and the Grasshopper Pub.

Two emails to the Sunshine Coast RCMP inquiring about these and other local crimes have not been returned by press time.

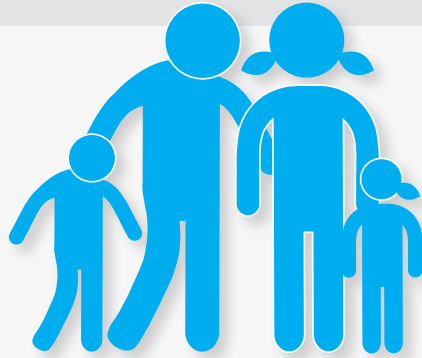
Anyone with information about this theft can contact Sunshine Coast RCMP, file no. 24-716.

SUNSHINE COAST LIVING WAGE

The living wage for the Sunshine Coast is \$25.61 in 2023.

It is the hourly pay that two parents must each earn to provide for the basic expenses for a family of four. This is a conservative estimate that includes the cost of housing, food, transportation, childcare, health care, and other budget categories. The living wage is not the same as the minimum wage, which is the legal minimum all employers must pay their workers. Nor is the living wage a magic number; rather, it is the beginning of a conversation about supporting low wage workers in our community. Population figures are taken from the 2021 census. BC's current minimum wage is \$16.75 per hour.

2023 Living wage for the Sunshine Coast
\$25.61



!
32,170
Population of the Sunshine Coast according to the 2021 census. (Was 29,970 in the 2016 census.)

!
5th
The Sunshine Coast has the fifth highest living wage in BC, between Metro Vancouver (\$25.68) and Victoria (\$25.40).

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\$2,218
The median monthly rent for a modest 3-bedroom unit on the Coast (including utilities, insurance, and internet).

!
7.4%
The increase in the 2023 living wage for Powell River.



The most recent child poverty reports from 2020 demonstrate that 27% of children on the Sunshine Coast live in poverty. That figure rises to 59% of children in poverty in single parent households.

A couple in which both partners earn minimum wage could not afford a monthly rent greater than



\$1,501.50 before becoming housing insecure.

!
\$73,800
Average employment income in 2020 for full-year full-time workers in 2020.

!
\$1,314
Sunshine Coasters' monthly food costs, an increase of 6% from 2022.

!
400
The number of certified Living Wage Employers across the province (12 are on the Sunshine Coast).



Ron Minch

From the *Harbour Spiel* (March 2014):

You gotta laugh to keep yourself from crying. Garden Bay residents are having some fun pointing out the absurdity of a flooded section of road near Hotel Lake that the Ministry of Transportation has allowed to remain for at least two years.

taxes

Volunteer income tax program: March 1 to April 30

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Offering free help with your income tax preparation, the “volunteer income tax program” runs from March 1 to April 30.

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a.m. to 12 noon;

- Drop off (tax information) and pickup (the completed tax return) at the P. H. Community School (5012 Gonzales Rd.) Monday to Friday.

Note: The pickup is from the box outside and drop-off in the mail slot in the door.

Or, the P. H. Health Centre reception desk (5066 Francis Peninsula Rd.) between Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and

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The dock management plan and the SCRD 2024 budget



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

The 2015 Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan was envisioned as a tool to address damage to the Harbour’s environmental and archeological resources caused by “poor practices” including docks, but recommendations by Barry Penner, an independent third party, were ignored, and there was no meaningful stakeholder engagement.

Today, the draft, shíshálh swiya Dock Management Plan, which proposes a co-governance management model, prohibits private boathouses, and expands its boundaries to most of the Sunshine Coast, has created more controversy and angst than any of

the previous versions, and meaningful stakeholder engagement remains absent.

The SCRD is particularly concerned that the process is fundamentally flawed, and thus it continues to generate confusion, controversy, and animosity within our communities.

We realize that our shíshálh First Nations neighbours are being unfairly criticized as being too insistent on their rights and titles being recognized, but the problem actually emanates from the province not following their own stakeholder process.

Today, docks are being upgraded to standards that do not harm the environment and some dock applications are being processed, but tenure requests are not processed in a timely manner and have short expiry dates.

Archeological resources, now

protected under the Heritage Act, require studies before any activity can be considered.

Several SCRD directors and staff members have been in frequent contact with senior provincial officials and multiple MLAs to express our concerns and offer help to resolve the conflict once and for all.

We believe that we fully understand the problems, can articulate them to the appropriate ministers and senior staff, can facilitate respectful discussions, and have suggestions that could substantially mitigate the problems.

Our MLA, Nicholas Simons, has met multiple times with SCRD directors and has been instrumental in getting our message to the appropriate ministers, who are now, finally, talking to us.



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Committee of the Whole
March 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
March 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Electoral Area Services Committee
March 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole
March 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
March 28 at 1:00 p.m.

Agendas and links to video-streaming for meetings are available at www.scrd.ca/agendas



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We hope the conversations continue to improve the situation for everyone involved.

It has been a long storm, so let's hope for smoother sailing in our near future.

PROPERTY TAXES: WANTS VS. NEEDS

About 45 per cent of collected property taxes cover expenses to maintain or enhance services and to cope with population growth, new government regulations, deteriorating infrastructure, increased contracting costs, climate change, challenging economic conditions, etc.

With unlimited funding available, a director's job would be easy, but we all know very few of us are happy about tax increases, which leaves directors to determine where to effectively spend our hard-earned dollars (the budget/yearly spending plan).

We need, and thus prioritize, safe and sufficient drinking water, solid waste disposal, and emergency services including disaster mitigation, and tax increases vary by what services you pay for and the service area you live in.

Reducing services reduces expenses and limits spending on a service, as shown by these examples of our decisions:

- Do leaky water mains need replacement to ensure uninterrupted water supply?

Yes, so projects to replace sections on Francis Peninsula and Garden Bay remain in the budget;

- Should we reduce hours for or close any recreation facilities, e.g. pools and arenas?

Although tempting targets, the staff levels are being maintained, the same services offered, necessary

maintenance scheduled, and hours unchanged;

- Has recycling become too expensive and should we landfill those items?

Because we remain committed to recycling, our recycling facilities remain fully funded in spite of increased staffing costs;

- Can we delay water and sewage enhancements for another year without provincial non-compliance fines?

Area A septic plants are in good shape but South Pender water purification plants are being worked on in 2024.

Although our North Pender plant has been non-compliant for several years, we avoided fines by demonstrating that we are on track to upgrade it, with more work planned in 2024;

- Are Stage 2, 3 and 4 watering restriction the new standard acceptable to most users?

Our goal remains to never exceed Stage 2.

Plans and funding remain, with the intention to return to a maximum of Stage 1 for our Area A potable water systems, or

- Is it okay to delay land-use decisions to avoid increased spending on that service?

No, so multiple projects are funded and underway to expedite approval for subdivisions and additional housing.

General government services, including OCP updates, increased \$82,467 (22.89%).

Protective services, including emergency services and bylaw enforcement, increased \$64,602 (13.54%).

Solid waste, including Sechelt

Landfill improvements to increase its life by seven years, increased \$95,425 (13.09%).

Planning and development services increased \$192,086 (44.61%).

Health services and recreation and cultural services increased \$48,729 (2.98%).

Property tax increases vary based on services received, according to these examples for an average home:

- Egmont with fire protection, \$247.73 (11.1%) increase;

- North Pender Harbour with water service, \$277.01 (11.45%) increase, and

- South Pender Harbour with water service, \$329.06 (14.4%) increase.

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Helga Grout

Have you ever thought about learning to play an instrument?

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The ukulele is a very social, fun and friendly instrument to play.

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Ukulele-playing has been part of our Pender Harbour community since 2016 when the first group of players gathered and began to learn to play the instrument.

Over the years, the Harbour Ukulele Group Strummers have been playing together and entertaining at community events such as May Day, Christmas, seniors events and the coffee house.

HUGS have also joined in with other ukulele groups that meet in Sechelt and Gibsons.

Last year they hosted a weekend ukulele workshop that featured the renowned ukulele teacher Peter Luongo, who will be joining them once again this year on May 3 to 4.

For more on Luongo, visit ukulelemagazine.com/stories/peter-luongo



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The Harbour Ukulele Group Strummers will host a beginner's ukulele workshop on March 5 and 12 for anyone interested in taking up the instrument.

is-taking-ukulele-to-the-max.

The HUGS group welcomes new players to join in our weekly play-and-sing sessions.

There is no membership fee.

If you are a complete beginner, it is a good idea to join a beginner workshop.

HUGS offers a workshop to teach a few basics before you join in the regular sessions.

Many of our players have instruments they are happy to lend to

beginners, and there are also ukuleles for rent at both Sechelt and Gibsons public libraries.

They meet every Tuesday at the P. H. School of Music at 3 p.m.

The next beginner workshop will run on two Tuesdays, March 5 and 12, from 1 to 2 p.m.

For more information about HUGS or to register for the beginner workshop, contact Helga Grout at (604) 883-0566 or helgagrout@me.com.

Easter Pancake Breakfast

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Olmedo: ‘There is no threat in asking to be heard’

Editor,

This letter was addressed to “Premier Eby, ministers and journalists” and cc’ed to the Harbour Spiel.

According to the government of Canada, the journey of reconciliation means “building a renewed relationship with First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples based on the recognition of rights, respect and partnership.”

Everyone in Canada is being encouraged to learn about the history of First Nations, to better understand their history and what many generations of them have gone through.

As a country, we are truly making efforts to inform ourselves and we have made commitments to not repeat the mistakes of the past.

However, in a move that seems to have more to do with political gain than with sincere empathy for the First Nations, the BC NDP is implementing extreme measures to concede power to unelected First Nations councils to make significant decisions on the use of land and water for all British Columbians.

In the unilateral imposition of new guidelines on the use and access to public land and water — as it is specifically the case in Pender Harbour and the dock management plan — the BC Government is granting a First Nations government, elected by a minority only, to rule over the properties, livelihoods and legacies of families in this part of the Sunshine Coast and eventually, others.

The pretext of environmental issues that aren’t substantiated and lack clarity has been challenged and no adequate explanation has been forthcoming.

The consultation with the families who live and have developed this community has been a travesty.

The effect on waterfront proper-

ties will also impact owners of real estate in the entire community, many of which reached retirement after working hard to build and maintain homes in a beautiful part of the world, truly caring for the environment, hoping to live out the remainder of their lives in peace and to eventually pass on the fruit of their work and vision to their children and grandchildren.

Some of us are still working equally hard to live in our dream corner of the world, also concerning ourselves with being genuinely proud keepers of the pristine condition of the land and waters that surround us.

What we request is that the significant financial, emotional and community cost of the proposed dock management plan be acknowledged.

There needs to be a will to compromise, by grandfathering existing properties and substantiating the rationale of these changes before moving forward with guidelines that actually protect the environment.

Reconciliation is quickly becoming a one-way street, where apparent guilt and seeking the political support of leaders of the First Nations communities to maintain public image and power are the driving forces for politicians and the media.

The foundation of true reconciliation is respect.

But respect goes both ways, especially in the light of disagreements.

There is no racism in challenging

environmental concerns that are not substantiated by science.

There is no threat in asking to be heard.

There is no name-calling in questioning why a group that shows inconsistent environmental stewardship is being granted the power to make decisions that will prove costly and affect hard-working people today and for years to come.

Falsely accusing an entire community of racism and hatred simply for asking questions, expressing concerns and even frustration, will not pave the path to reconciliation, but aggravates an equally important sector of the population and generates resentment.

Conversely, characterizing our concerns and frustrations as “colonial panic” as Mr. Khelsilem from the Squamish First Nation so thoughtlessly posted on his X (formerly Twitter) account, is demeaning, divisive and not conciliatory at all.

We, Canadians from all ethnic and national backgrounds, have converged on the Sunshine Coast and worked hard to make our dream of living here, a reality.

That deserves the respect of a government that looks after all its citizens today, so that we don’t have to seek reconciliation and reparations, generations down the line.

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Hone your hand tools: April Tools is back April 27

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You might think that by now the organizing committee of the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society would have run out of novel ideas for the challenge, but this year will definitely prove that wrong.

April 27 will mark the 21st year of the April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge and the format remains the same:

Builders arrive at 10 a.m. to see their materials, have one hour to think through their plans and then three hours to make them a reality.

And, as usual, they will only be allowed to use their hand tools and battery-powered screw guns to do it.

The trick comes in the materials supplied and how they must be used — this year’s pile has some pretty unexpected components.

But the tight-lipped organizers will be the only ones to know what they are until the morning of the 27th.

They promise there will be some interesting craft.

The adults’ race will start about 2:30 p.m. when the spectators get to see who does and who doesn’t float.

The high school entrants who have built and lavishly decorated boats at school will give the builders a break between building and racing by having their meets at 2 p.m.,

No one does it quite like they do — let’s just say that swimming is definitely an option.

As usual, the little kids will have lots of small boat hulls and wood blocks of all shapes to turn into the boats of their dreams.

They can paint them and float them in our pool, then take them home to enjoy.

They can have their faces painted



Brian Lee

The start of the first heat in last year’s April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge

and make other fun crafts — all kid and high school activities are free.

The entry fee for the adult races is \$200, reduced to \$180 if received by April 1.

This covers all the building materials and a T-shirt for each team member.

There is also serious prize money to be won— \$700 for first, \$400 for second, and \$250 for third, not to

mention unique trophies for best looking boat and for “perseverance in the face of adversity.”

To sign up, go to apriltools.ca and get an entry form or enter online.

You can pay by cheque or e-transfer so it doesn’t get easier.

It’s a fun day for the whole family with lots of food and treats.

And who knows, the weather might even co-operate.

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Elizabeth 'Betty' Barbara Silvey

JULY 12, 1936 — JANUARY 21, 2024



together.

Silvey never removed her engagement ring or wedding band once in all those years.

She was one of the last of the older generation that knew what the word "community" meant — she volunteered tirelessly for the Egmont Community Club, the Lions Club and the Egmont Museum.

She did all of that while raising her family and working at her job that she loved as the postmaster of Egmont for 37 years.

When Silvey was forced to take her annual holidays, she and Leonard, with children and grandchildren as deck hands, would "cast off at first light" for the commercial salmon fishing grounds up north.

Betty Silvey is survived by her husband Leonard, children Colleen (Kelly), Jess (Robert), Joseph (Ang), Tom (Dawn) and Russ (Dani), 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Silvey was predeceased by two grandchildren, Charleen and Robbie.

"My children are my legacy and I'm so proud of them, they all have their own businesses," was one of the many things she said to her children in her last months.

A celebration of her life (a potluck/smorgasboard — the type of get-together that Silvey loved) was held at the Egmont Community Hall on Feb. 24.

It is with great sadness that the family of Betty Silvey announces her passing on Jan. 21.

Silvey was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend.

She was born in San Francisco and moved to the family property in St. Vincent's Bay when she was 6 years old with her parents Jack and Florence Williams.

In 1953, Silvey, with her brother Jack and her parents, moved down the inlet to Egmont to a property next to the Silvey family.

There she met her future husband, Leonard Silvey.

The couple were married on July 6, 1963 in Garden Bay and celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last July.

In total, they spent 67 years

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Peter Kenny

AUGUST 13, 1944 — FEBRUARY 6, 2024



Peter Kenny was from Irish and Scottish heritage but, following his father Peter's death (he was a coal miner), his mother Mary moved from Kilsyth, Scotland to Oxford, England, pregnant with Pete.

Kenny always thought of himself as a Scotsman born in England.

By his own confession, Kenny was a hooligan in his early years and thought of himself as a mix of a mod and rocker.

He loved football.

Manchester United was his team but Scotland was his team on the national stage.

Aside from playing football and general carousing, he loved motorcycles and toured throughout France with friends and older brother John.

Kenny also had a fondness for Triumph TR3 sports cars and worked at restoring one, with mixed results, in his later years in his carport on Narrows Road, where it often sat idle.

In the late 1960s, Kenny left behind a trail of unpaid speeding tickets and took flight to Canada.

He landed in Toronto where he tried out for the professional soccer team, but was cut.

Kenny then made his way across Canada and spent time in northern BC where he worked at various jobs and

played with a few teams from different ethnic backgrounds — times he fondly remembered.

In the early 1970s, Kenny met the Crosby sisters, Maureen and Brenda, in Lac La Hache and followed them down to Pender Harbour.

Here he settled in for the remainder of his life, laying the foundation for many lasting friendships from Egmont to Sechelt and beyond.

He worked (when he felt the urge) at various jobs including house painting, booming and serving time at Goliath Bay.

Kenny enjoyed playing soccer, and post-game activities, with the Pender Harbour Bananas and later with Wakefield, Gilligans and the Sechelt Chiefs.

When he had the ball, he could do wonderful things.

In 1985, Kenny was selected MVP at the Ted Dixon memorial soccer tournament (over age 30) and had that wonderful carved trophy displayed in his living room.

Aside from soccer, Kenny enjoyed tennis, golf and dabbled in gardening.

And horse racing — sometimes a Whitecaps game then a quick run to the track to catch the last couple races.

Kenny loved his cat Bushy, enjoyed listening to music, especially the Stones, Deep Purple to Leonard Cohen etc., and Gene Vincent.

When his soccer days slowly ground to a halt, he focused more on golfing with friends at the Pender Harbour Golf Club and enjoyed the inter club matches with Powell River.

About 10 years ago, Kenny had major heart surgery that took a bit of the wind out of his sails for a while.

After a period of time, he could be seen walking along the highway above Narrows Road, almost daily, to get his ticker back in shape.

When one pulled in his driveway, he would usually be sitting at his kitchen table peering through pulled curtains to see who was coming.

He spent a lot of time there reading the paper and drinking coffee.

Always inviting to friends (well, he could be moody at times), he loved sharing a coffee, a cold one or two and “Bob Hope,” and chatting.

In his last couple years, with his health declining, he took to napping — a lot.

Up at the crack of noon or one, breakfast and then “time for a kip” on his couch... it wasn't hard to find him.

His hearing was going and any conversation would disintegrate into a lot of “Whot?!”

Declining health took its toll, and eventually sent him to the hospital, and then Christenson Village in the spring of 2023 where he was well taken care of until he died peacefully while napping on Feb. 6.

Peter Kenny leaves behind a long list of friends, many of whom predeceased him.

He was always polite and pleasant to the ladies — a bit of a charmer, sometimes a bit more direct with his male friends, but he was a social creature and loved to stop and chat with everybody.

Enough can't be said of the doctors and staff at the P. H. Health Centre, the nurses who showed up for house calls, VCH and the care workers and friends who did their best to keep him at home as long as possible.

He is predeceased by his older brother John, sisters Eileen and Margaret, and survived by his family in England: nephews Mathew and Wayne and his loving niece Louise (Gary and sons, Danny and Charlie).

He will be missed.

The date of a celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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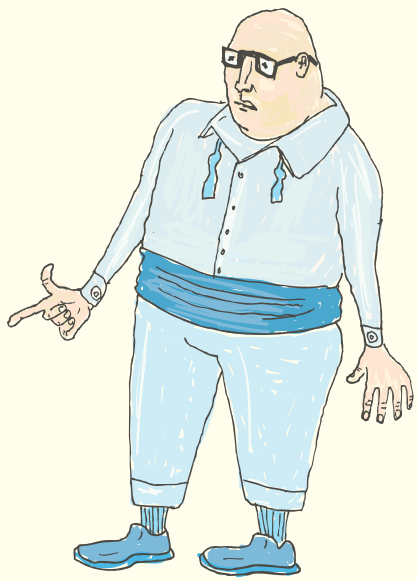
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1. Which species of Sakinaw Lake salmon is listed as a 'species at risk?'

- a. coho
- b. sockeye
- c. chum
- d. pink

2. How many criminal charges does Donald Trump currently face?

- a. 32
- b. 91
- c. 215
- d. 1,000+

3. Where was the Chevron gas station?

- a. Kleindale
- b. Middlepoint
- c. Garden Bay
- d. Madeira Park

4. At 103 square kilometres, which is the largest island in the Sunshine Coast Regional District?

- a. Texada
- b. Gambier
- c. Nelson
- d. Keats

5. Which Madeira Park business location was formerly named the 'Holiday Market?'

- a. Oak Tree Market
- b. Earthfair Store
- c. IGA
- d. Rona

6. Name of the provincial park in the Caren Range?

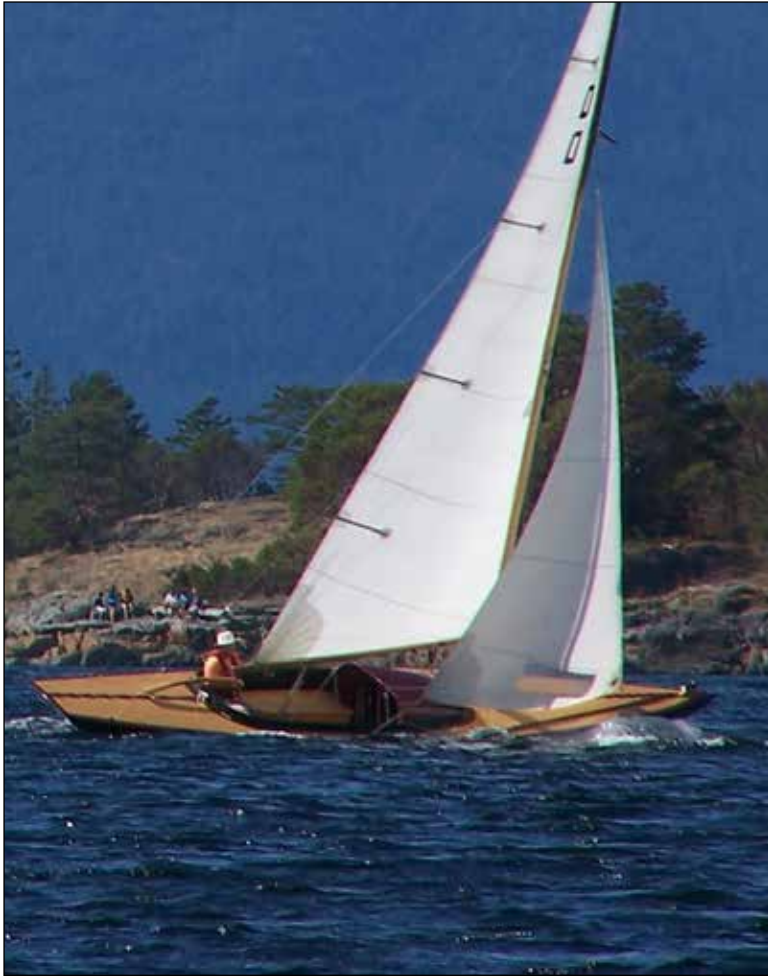
- a. Lekw'emin
- b. Spipiyus
- c. Tzoonie
- d. Salalus

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



Nick Loenen

A familiar sight sailing around Pender Harbour for the past couple of decades has been Nick Loenen and his *Lady Jayne*. Loenen recently announced the end of his sailing days and the sale of his all-wooden Dragon-class sailboat that he built in Pender Harbour between 2000 and 2006. *Lady Jayne*'s overall length is 29 feet and 4 inches. The hull is cold-molded over white oak keelson and ribs. Outside is African mahogany. Her deck is yellow cedar strips embedded in black epoxy joints on top of 6 mm marine plywood. Mast and boom are Sitka spruce. Western maple for seats on either side of cockpit while the blocks are hand-crafted using African mahogany with purple heart for sheaves (which have a brass bushing running on stainless steel axle). *Lady Jayne* won her division in the 2009 Malaspina Regatta and in 2008, she won the judges' award for best overall in the Sunshine Coast Wooden Boat Festival. Loenen said he hopes to find a new owner in the Pender Harbour area. If interested, contact him at nloenen76@gmail.com.

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EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechart Inlet).

1. 1:51 PM
2. 7:36 AM +L, 1:58 PM -XL
3. 8:27 AM +M, 2:46 PM -XL
4. 9:38 AM +S, 4:00 PM -XL
5. 11:25 AM +S
6. 8:14 AM -M, 12:45 PM +S
7. 9:05 AM -M, 1:44 PM +M
8. 9:50 AM -M, 2:36 PM +L
9. 10:32 AM -L
3:26 PM +L
10. 12:03 PM -L, 5:28 PM +XL
11. 12:45 PM -L, 6:25 PM +XL
12. 1:25 PM -XL
13. 2:04 PM -XL
14. 1:44 PM -XL
15. 7:55 AM +L, 3:28 PM -XL
16. 8:41 AM +M, 4:17 PM -XL
17. 9:46 AM +S, 5:15 PM -L
18. 6:26 PM -L
19. 8:41 AM -S
20. 9:36 AM -M, 2:01 PM +S
21. 10:13 AM -M, 2:52 PM +M
22. 10:48 AM -M, 3:38 PM +M
23. 11:17 AM -L, 4:31 PM +L
24. 11:43 AM -L, 5:15 PM +L
25. 12:05 PM -L, 5:59 PM +L
26. 12:22 PM -L, 6:43 PM +L
27. 12:38 PM -XL
28. 12:56 PM -XL
29. 12:47 PM -XL
30. 7:22 AM +L, 1:20 PM -XL
31. 8:08 AM +M, 2:06 PM -XL

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

64%

Percentage of U.S. businesses that believe artificial intelligence will help increase their overall productivity (in a *Forbes Advisor* survey).

75%

Percentage of U.S. consumers who are concerned about misinformation from AI.

\$549 billion

Market size AI is expected to reach by 2027.

45%

The percentage of consumers who planned to use AI to “respond to people via text or email (i.e. friends, colleagues, etc.)”

58%

Chinese companies have had the highest adoption rate of AI with 58% of companies deploying AI and 30% considering integration. (In comparison, the United States has a lower adoption rate at 25%.)

400 million

As AI evolves, it could displace 400 million workers worldwide. A McKinsey report predicts that between 2016 and 2030, AI-related advancements may affect around 15% of the global workforce.

97 million

According to World Economic Forum research, AI is projected to create around 97 million new jobs, potentially countering workforce displacement concerns.

~Forbes

MARCH WEATHER

TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average March daily high is 9.2C, our average daily low 4.3C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 6.7C. The highest March temperature recorded is 15.6C (March 11, 1965); the lowest, -3.3C (March 3, 1976).

PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

March has an average of 127.7 hours of bright sunshine and 15 days with rainfall. The monthly total rainfall averages 78.6 mm; monthly total snowfall averages 1.5 cm. The highest March daily rainfall recorded is 44.7 mm (March 4, 1968). The highest March daily snowfall recorded is 8.9 cm (March 2, 1962).

MARCH ASTROLOGY

PISCES: FEB. 19 - MAR. 20



The finest of the signs, Pisceans have a boundless imagination and a natural aptitude for acting. They are sympathetic, highly tolerant and incurable romantics.

Pisceans are blessed with the favour of the stars and glow like a heroic beacons of light among the dark trolls who fall under all other signs. This month, your Piscean heroism will be somewhat overshadowed by the loutish antics of a Leo. Not to worry, the fool will soon be overtaken by a biblical pestilence. Beware of March 15.



ARIES: MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Aries is a male sign dominant in nature and is ruled by Mars. People born under this sign are very fast in executing tasks.

They are highly disciplined and punctual in nature. They are the nerds of the zodiac and as such, should not be argued with. The presence of Jupiter in your sign at the start of the year elevates your strength. Spring will see your powers ebb, so use them while you're strong. You'll soon start to notice a rattle in your car. When that rattle turns into a squeal, don't delay in taking your car into the shop.

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- The Wild Horses of the Chilcotin: Their History and Future** by Wayne McCrory (Harbour Publishing)
- East Side Story: Growing Up at the PNE** by Nick Marino (Arsenal Pulp Press)
- Fleece and Fibre: Textile Producers of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands** by Francine McCabe (Heritage House Publishing)
- Commune** by Des Kennedy (Harbour Publishing)
- To Track a Traitor: A Lane Winslow Mystery** by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)

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 March 10 ~ **Wendy Hollis** and **Stuart McLean**.
 March 11 ~ **Gayle Adams**, **Tannis Campbell** and **Larry Mack**.
 March 12 ~ **Alicia Whittaker**, **Sunny Charboneau** and **Gord Wenman**.
 March 13 ~ **Ian McDonald** and **Paul McDonald**.
 March 14 ~ **Heather Smith**.
 March 15 ~ **Bev Higgins**, **Arlen Howitt**, **Carissa Gilkes** and **Justin McKimm**.
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 March 19 ~ **Megan Knock**.
 March 20 ~ **Larry Curtiss**, **Patrick White**, **Kim Smail** and **Tammy Collins**.
 March 21 ~ **Melissah Charboneau** and **David Massullo**.
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- Email: betterathome@penderharbourhealth.com



THE SUNSHINE COAST HOSPICE SOCIETY: Compassionate, respectful end-of-life and bereavement care. Whether you want to talk with one person or to join a bereavement group, trained volunteers are available. Call (604) 883-2764.

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TEENS' DROP IN CLINIC: Offered every Tuesday between 3 and 5 p.m.

LOAN CUPBOARD: Crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, commodes, raised toilet seats etc.

DIABETES & DIETICIAN MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Weekly on Thursdays ~ call to book an appointment

CHRONIC DISEASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Weekly on Wednesdays ~ call to book an appointment.

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First-class health care for the people of the Pender Harbour area.

March is national colorectal cancer awareness month

*Compiled by Pender Harbour Health
Centre nursing staff*

If you are between the ages of 50 and 74, you should be screened for colorectal cancer.

This type of cancer is preventable, treatable and beatable.

The majority of colorectal cancers begin as benign (non-cancerous) growths in the lining of the large bowel and are asymptomatic.

If left, many of these growths will become cancerous.

Screening saves lives; it is the best line of defence when it comes to protecting oneself from this deadly disease.

Screening for colorectal cancer is simple and accessible to all people.

It begins with an annual checkup and fecal immunochemical and fecal occult blood tests.

These tests detect the presence of blood in the stool.

If they produce a positive result, a colonoscopy is required to investigate further.

A colonoscopy is a test that allows the doctor to view the rectum and the entire colon.

During a scope, polyps and abnormal tissue may be removed or tested (biopsy) for cancer.

This screening tool is considered to be the gold standard test by most as more than 95 per cent of colorectal cancers are diagnosed by it.

When determining individuals' risk factors, the following key factors are considered:

- Age. As one ages the risk increases;
- Heredity. One is more likely to develop this cancer if a first-degree relative has it;
- Diet. The more red meat con-



sumed, the greater the risk;

- Weight. Obesity and lack of physical activity increase risk;
- Alcohol may increase risk level, especially beer, and
- Smoking increases the risk of colorectal cancer.

SYMPTOMS

Changes in bowel habits, digestion, and abdominal discomfort are some of the early signs and symptoms reported.

Late symptoms can be liver enlargement, jaundice (yellowing of the skin) and ascites.

When fluid builds up inside the abdomen, it is known as ascites.

Ascites usually occurs when the liver stops working properly.

Fluid fills the space between the lining of the abdomen and the organs.

Statistics from Canadian Cancer Society suggest that on average, 65 Canadians will be diagnosed everyday with colorectal cancer and 25 Canadians will die daily from this disease.

Do yourself a favour and get screened.

It could save your life.

The Canadian Cancer Society offers more detailed information at www.cancer.ca/en/cancer-information/cancer-type/colorectal.



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PREVIEW OUR SPRING PROGRAMS STARTING MARCH 6.

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By phone: **604-885-6801 (extension 6691)**

In person at:

- P. H. Aquatic & Fitness Centre
- Sechelt Aquatic Centre
- Gibsons and Area Community Centre

HOURS EFFECTIVE TO MARCH 17 (Check website for hours effective March 18)

Monday & Friday

7:30am – 1pm

**Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday**

7:30am – 1pm

5pm – 8:20pm

Saturday

CLOSED

Sunday

10am – 4pm

UPCOMING HOLIDAY HOURS:

Good Friday, March 29 - Closed

Easter Monday, April 1 - Closed



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Land Meets Water

Tuesday & Thursday at 10:30am

Mat Pilates

Wednesday at 9:30am

Mix it Up

Thursday at 8:45am

Aquafit

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 9am

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Monday at 10am

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This month at the Pender Harbour Community School:

VOLUNTEER TAX ASSISTANCE

March 1 to April 30

Need help filing your income tax? Call Harry! Free assistance for eligible community members. Phone 604-741-5132 for appointments or more information.

FAMILY COOKING CLASS

March 13, 5-7pm at PHSS, \$25 per person (registration required)

\$25 per person registration required. Effie and Maddy from WCWL are back, sign up for this fun Family Cooking Class. Irish Stew & Cookies for St. Patrick's!

CFSC/PAL COURSE

Sunday, March 10, 9am-5pm, \$200.

Certification needed to obtain your gun licence.
Call the Community School to register.

CORE COURSE

April 26-28, \$250.

Certification course required to obtain your hunting licence.
Call the Community School to register.



**PENDER HARBOUR
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Seniors activities for March!

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. The cost will be \$10 per person.

March 7 – Current events discussion. Bring a topic that interests you.

March 14 – Come learn what services the Sunshine Coast Resource Centre offers.

March 21 – "It's Viral discussion on Hep C" with speaker Daryl Luster

March 28 – Armchair Travel to Sweden

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, March 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22 & 25

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am –12pm with Kristin Tracey. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

pender harbour tides ~ march 2024

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



March	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Fri 01	10.6	9.9	9.7	10.2	11.1	12.3	13.3	13.9	13.9	13.1	11.7	9.9	8.1	6.6	5.7	5.6	6.3	7.5	9.1	10.7	12.0	12.8	12.9	12.6
Sat 02	12.0	11.3	10.9	10.9	11.4	12.2	13.0	13.6	13.7	13.2	12.1	10.5	8.8	7.1	5.9	5.2	5.3	6.0	7.2	8.8	10.4	11.8	12.7	13.1
Sun 03	12.9	12.6	12.1	11.9	11.9	12.2	12.7	13.2	13.5	13.3	12.5	11.2	9.6	7.9	6.4	5.3	4.7	4.8	5.5	6.7	8.3	9.9	11.5	12.7
Mon 04	13.4	13.5	13.3	12.9	12.6	12.5	12.6	12.9	13.2	13.2	12.8	11.9	10.5	8.9	7.3	5.8	4.8	4.2	4.3	5.0	6.2	7.9	9.7	11.4
Tue 05	12.8	13.8	14.1	13.9	13.5	13.0	12.6	12.5	12.7	12.9	13.0	12.7	11.8	10.4	8.7	7.0	5.4	4.3	3.6	3.7	4.4	5.8	7.7	9.8
Wed 06	11.8	13.4	14.4	14.6	14.3	13.6	12.9	12.3	12.1	12.3	12.6	12.9	12.9	12.3	10.9	9.1	7.2	5.3	3.9	3.1	3.1	4.0	5.7	7.9
Thu 07	10.3	12.5	14.1	15.0	14.9	14.3	13.3	12.3	11.6	11.4	11.8	12.4	13.0	13.3	12.8	11.6	9.6	7.4	5.3	3.6	2.7	2.8	3.9	5.9
Fri 08	8.5	11.1	13.4	14.9	15.4	14.9	13.8	12.4	11.2	10.4	10.4	11.1	12.1	13.1	13.6	13.4	12.1	10.0	7.6	5.3	3.5	2.7	3.0	4.5
Sat 09	6.8	9.6	12.3	14.4	15.5	15.4	14.4	12.8	11.1	9.7	9.1	9.4	10.4	11.9	13.2	14.0	13.8	12.6	10.4	7.9	5.6	3.9	3.3	3.7
Sun 10	5.1	7.2	9.6	12.1	14.1	15.4	15.8	15.1	13.5	11.4	9.4	8.0	7.6	8.3	9.8	11.6	13.3	14.2	14.1	12.9	10.8	8.4	6.2	4.7
Mon 11	4.4	5.3	7.3	9.9	12.6	14.7	15.8	15.6	14.3	12.1	9.7	7.6	6.4	6.3	7.3	9.2	11.3	13.2	14.3	14.3	13.2	11.2	9.0	7.1
Tue 12	6.0	5.9	7.1	9.2	11.7	14.0	15.5	15.9	15.0	13.1	10.6	8.0	6.0	5.0	5.2	6.6	8.7	11.0	13.0	14.2	14.3	13.4	11.7	9.8
Wed 13	8.2	7.5	7.7	9.0	11.0	13.1	14.9	15.7	15.5	14.1	11.8	9.1	6.6	4.8	4.1	4.6	6.1	8.3	10.7	12.8	14.0	14.2	13.5	12.2
Thu 14	10.7	9.5	9.1	9.5	10.7	12.4	14.1	15.2	15.5	14.7	12.9	10.4	7.8	5.6	4.1	3.7	4.3	5.9	8.1	10.4	12.4	13.7	14.1	13.6
Fri 15	12.7	11.6	10.8	10.5	11.0	12.0	13.3	14.4	15.0	14.8	13.6	11.7	9.4	7.0	5.1	3.9	3.7	4.4	5.9	7.9	10.0	12.0	13.4	14.0
Sat 16	13.8	13.2	12.5	11.9	11.7	12.0	12.7	13.5	14.1	14.3	13.8	12.6	10.8	8.7	6.7	5.1	4.1	4.0	4.6	5.9	7.7	9.6	11.5	12.9
Sun 17	13.8	14.0	13.7	13.2	12.7	12.4	12.5	12.8	13.2	13.5	13.5	12.9	11.7	10.1	8.3	6.7	5.3	4.5	4.4	4.9	6.1	7.6	9.5	11.2
Mon 18	12.8	13.8	14.2	14.1	13.7	13.1	12.7	12.4	12.4	12.6	12.8	12.8	12.3	11.3	9.9	8.4	6.9	5.7	4.9	4.7	5.2	6.2	7.8	9.6
Tue 19	11.4	12.9	14.0	14.5	14.4	13.9	13.2	12.5	12.0	11.8	11.9	12.1	12.3	12.1	11.3	10.1	8.7	7.2	5.9	5.1	4.9	5.3	6.4	8.0
Wed 20	9.9	11.7	13.3	14.3	14.6	14.3	13.6	12.7	11.8	11.2	11.0	11.3	11.7	12.1	12.2	11.6	10.5	9.0	7.4	6.1	5.2	5.0	5.5	6.7
Thu 21	8.4	10.4	12.3	13.7	14.5	14.5	13.9	12.9	11.7	10.7	10.2	10.3	10.9	11.6	12.2	12.4	11.9	10.7	9.2	7.5	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.9
Fri 22	7.3	9.3	11.3	13.0	14.2	14.5	14.1	13.0	11.7	10.4	9.6	9.4	9.9	10.8	11.8	12.5	12.7	12.1	10.8	9.2	7.5	6.2	5.5	5.6
Sat 23	6.6	8.3	10.4	12.3	13.7	14.4	14.2	13.2	11.7	10.2	9.0	8.5	8.8	9.6	10.9	12.1	12.9	13.0	12.2	10.8	9.1	7.5	6.3	5.9
Sun 24	6.4	7.8	9.7	11.6	13.3	14.2	14.2	13.3	11.9	10.2	8.6	7.7	7.6	8.4	9.7	11.2	12.5	13.3	13.2	12.3	10.8	9.1	7.6	6.7
Mon 25	6.7	7.6	9.2	11.0	12.8	13.9	14.2	13.5	12.1	10.3	8.5	7.2	6.7	7.1	8.2	9.9	11.7	13.0	13.6	13.3	12.3	10.7	9.1	7.9
Tue 26	7.4	7.8	8.9	10.6	12.3	13.6	14.1	13.7	12.5	10.6	8.6	6.9	6.0	5.9	6.8	8.4	10.4	12.2	13.4	13.8	13.4	12.2	10.7	9.3
Wed 27	8.4	8.3	9.0	10.3	11.8	13.1	13.9	13.8	12.8	11.1	9.0	7.0	5.7	5.1	5.6	6.9	8.8	10.9	12.7	13.8	14.0	13.4	12.2	10.9
Thu 28	9.7	9.2	9.3	10.2	11.4	12.7	13.6	13.8	13.1	11.5	9.5	7.5	5.8	4.8	4.7	5.5	7.2	9.2	11.3	13.0	14.0	14.0	13.4	12.3
Fri 29	11.2	10.3	10.0	10.4	11.3	12.3	13.2	13.6	13.2	12.0	10.2	8.1	6.2	4.9	4.3	4.6	5.7	7.5	9.6	11.7	13.2	14.0	14.0	13.4
Sat 30	12.5	11.6	11.0	10.9	11.3	12.1	12.8	13.3	13.2	12.3	10.8	9.0	7.0	5.4	4.4	4.1	4.6	5.9	7.8	9.8	11.8	13.2	14.0	14.0
Sun 31	13.5	12.8	12.1	11.6	11.6	12.0	12.5	13.0	13.1	12.6	11.5	9.9	8.1	6.3	5.0	4.2	4.1	4.7	6.0	7.8	9.8	11.6	13.1	13.9

PENDER HARBOUR LIVING HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Wooden Boat Show (Aug. 2-4), is looking for help in planning this year’s event. All sorts of assistance is needed, including media and advertising co-ordination, grant, permit and licence writing, vendor and entertainment planning, and site management.

Something else you’d like to do? Drop them a line at PHWoodenBoatShow@gmail.com.

PENDER HARBOUR SENIORS INITIATIVE

All are welcome at the P. H. Community Hall on March 21 at 10:30 a.m. for a conversation with former Pender Harbour resident Daryl Luster as he shares his hepatitis story. Luster has been involved in raising awareness and advocacy for improved access to care and treatment for all affected. He has written over 350 articles and belongs to several science-focused organizations like Canadian Institutes of Health Research, UBC, BC CDC and others. He is regularly engaged in training and educational sessions.

P. H. GARDEN CLUB

The garden club presents Kleindale’s Sandy Matches on Monday, March 25 at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park from 1-3 p.m. Proprietor of Handy Sandy Exterior Design, he has designed and installed gardens along the Sunshine Coast for the past decade. Matches also worked in Vancouver for a landscape designer doing garden installations and renovations. Matches’ presentation will be on “Weeds!” and answering your garden related questions. Membership fees are \$20 for a year or \$5 drop-in. Doors open at 12:45 p.m.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEEHOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month’s School of Music Coffee House on Friday, March 8. It will be an evening of great music featuring Soleil Duo (Ken Johnson and Nancy Pincombe) and Matt Richards.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

P. H. WOMEN’S CONNECTION

Wendy Tsao will be the March 12 presenter. Prior to retiring in Pender Harbour, Tsao lived and worked in several countries before settling down in Vancouver. When her son started kindergarten, she started a craft business making stuffed toys based on children’s drawings. She will be speaking of the business, “Child’s Own,” and will bring along samples of her extraordinary work. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and there is a drop in fee of \$4.

ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

- Community Policing.....(604) 883-2026
- Egmont Community Club(604) 883-1379
- Egmont & District Volunteer Fire Department.....(604) 883-2555
- FLAIR Cancer Support Group.....(604) 883-0660
- FOKUS (10:30 a.m., Fridays @ PHHC).....(604) 740-1151
- GRIPS (Recycling Society)(604) 883-1165
- Garden Bay Sailing Club.....(604) 883-2689
- Girl Guides (Guides, Sparks and Embers).....(604) 883-2819
- Harbour Artists(604) 883-2807
- Harbourside Friendships (Thur. 10:30 -1 p.m.).....(604) 883-9900
- Health Centre Society(604) 883-2764
- Health Centre Auxiliary.....(604) 741-2646
- InStitches (last Thursday of month, 10 a.m.).....(604) 740-1151
- Lions Club, Egmont.....(604) 883-9463
- Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.).....(604) 883-1361
- Men’s Cancer Support Group.....(604) 883-2393
- P. H. Aquatic Centre Society.....(604) 885-6801 (ext. 6691)
- P. H. and Area Residents Association..... (604) 883-9205
- P. H. Blues Society.....(604) 741-1186
- P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday)..... (778) 227-8430
- P. H. Community Club.....(604) 883-9900
- P. H. Community School Society(604) 883-2826
- P. H. Garden Club.....(604) 883-9798
- P. H. Golf Club(604) 883-9541
- P. H. Hiking Club (8:30 am, Mon. & Wed.).....(604) 883-2274
- P. H. Living Heritage Society.....(604) 883-0748
- P. H. Music Society (bookings)(604) 883-9749
- P. H. Paddling Society (dragon boating)(604) 399-9596
- P. H. Piecemakers (quilters).....(604) 883-2573
- P. H. Pipe Band.....(604) 883-0053
- P. H. Power & Sail Squadron(604) 883-2086
- P. H. Ramblers (hikers, every Tues. a.m.).....(604) 883-1191
- P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening).....(604) 883-9011
- P. H. Reading Room (library)(604) 883-2983
- Rotary Club (noon Fri. RC Legion No.112)(604) 883-2843
- Royal Canadian Legion No. 112(604) 883-2235
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- Ruby Lake Lagoon Society(604) 883-9201
- Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....(604) 883-9994
- S. C. Health Care Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.).....(604) 741-8413
- Seniors’ Housing Society(604) 883-2819
- Serendipity Child Care Centre.....(604) 883-2316
- Sunshine Coast Better At Home.....(604) 989-6171
- Sunshine Coast Women’s Outreach Services(604) 741-5246
- Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS)(604) 883-9853
- Women’s Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.).....(604) 883-0444

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a legally non-binding resolution passed by the United Nations in 2007. It delineates and defines the individual and collective rights of Indigenous peoples, including their ownership rights to cultural and ceremonial expression, identity, language, employment, health, education, and other issues.

UNDRIP was adopted into Canadian legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act on June 21, 2021. This legislation aims to advance the implementation of the UNDRIP as a key step in renewing the government of Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples. The purpose of this legislation is to affirm UNDRIP as an international human rights instrument that can help interpret and apply Canadian law. It also provides a framework to advance implementation of UNDRIP at the federal level. This legislation requires the Government of Canada, in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous peoples, to take all measures necessary to ensure the laws of Canada are consistent with UNDRIP and to prepare and implement an action plan to achieve UNDRIP's objectives.

The BC government is currently working on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) which will be the BC government's legislative implementation of UNDRIP.



*Part II
(Continued from Harbour Spiel,
Feb. 2024 issue)*

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ARTICLE 1

Indigenous peoples have the right to the full enjoyment, as a collective or as individuals, of all human rights and fundamental freedoms as recognized in the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international human rights law.

ARTICLE 2

Indigenous peoples and individuals are free and equal to all other peoples and individuals and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination, in the exercise of their rights, in particular that based on their indigenous origin or identity.

ARTICLE 3

Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination. By virtue of that right they freely determine their

political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

ARTICLE 4

Indigenous peoples, in exercising their right to self-determination, have the right to autonomy or self-government in matters relating to their internal and local affairs, as well as ways and means for financing their autonomous functions.

ARTICLE 5

Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinct political, legal, economic, social and cultural institutions, while retaining their right to participate fully, if they so choose, in the political, economic, social and cultural life of the state.

ARTICLE 6

Every Indigenous individual has

the right to a nationality.

ARTICLE 7

1. Indigenous individuals have the rights to life, physical and mental integrity, liberty and security of person.

2. Indigenous peoples have the collective right to live in freedom, peace and security as distinct peoples and shall not be subjected to any act of genocide or any other act of violence, including forcibly removing children of the group to another group.

ARTICLE 8

1. Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right not to be subjected to forced assimilation or destruction of their culture.

2. States shall provide effective mechanisms for prevention of, and redress for:

(a) Any action which has the aim

or effect of depriving them of their integrity as distinct peoples, or of their cultural values or ethnic identities;

(b) Any action which has the aim or effect of dispossessing them of their lands, territories or resources;

(c) Any form of forced population transfer which has the aim or effect of violating or undermining any of their rights;

(d) Any form of forced assimilation or integration;

(e) Any form of propaganda designed to promote or incite racial or ethnic discrimination directed against them.

ARTICLE 9

Indigenous peoples and individuals have the right to belong to an Indigenous community or nation, in accordance with the traditions and customs of the community or nation concerned.

No discrimination of any kind may arise from the exercise of such a right.

ARTICLE 10

Indigenous peoples shall not be forcibly removed from their lands or territories.

No relocation shall take place without the free, prior and informed consent of the Indigenous peoples concerned and after agreement on just and fair compensation and, where possible, with the option of return.

ARTICLE 11

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to practise and revitalize their cultural traditions and customs.

This includes the right to maintain, protect and develop the past, present and future manifestations of their cultures, such as archeological

and historical sites, artifacts, designs, ceremonies, technologies and visual and performing arts and literature.

2. States shall provide redress through effective mechanisms, which may include restitution, developed in conjunction with Indigenous peoples, with respect to their cultural, intellectual, religious and spiritual property taken without their free, prior and informed consent or in violation of their laws, traditions and customs.

ARTICLE 12

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to manifest, practise, develop and teach their spiritual and religious traditions, customs and ceremonies; the right to maintain, protect, and have access in privacy to their religious and cultural sites; the right to the use and control of their ceremonial objects; and the right to the repatriation of their human remains.

2. States shall seek to enable the access and/or repatriation of ceremonial objects and human remains in their possession through fair, transparent and effective mechanisms developed in conjunction with Indigenous peoples concerned.

ARTICLE 13

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories, languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons.

2. States shall take effective measures to ensure that this right is protected and also to ensure that Indigenous peoples can understand and be understood in political, legal and administrative proceedings, where

necessary through the provision of interpretation or by other appropriate means.

ARTICLE 14

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to establish and control their educational systems and institutions providing education in their own languages, in a manner appropriate to their cultural methods of teaching and learning.

2. Indigenous individuals, particularly children, have the right to all levels and forms of education of the state without discrimination.

3. States shall, in conjunction with indigenous peoples, take effective measures, in order for Indigenous individuals, particularly children, including those living outside their communities, to have access, when possible, to an education in their own culture and provided in their own language.

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- Tue. March 5.....The Lagoon Restaurant at Painted Boat opens for the season
- Thu. March 7.....Harbourside Friendships (current events) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. March 8.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, doors at 7 p.m.
- Sun. March 10.....Daylight savings begins (turn clocks ahead one hour)
- Sun. March 10.....P. H. Community School CFSC/PAL course - PHCS, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Mon. March 11.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Tue. March 12.....P. H. Womens Connection gathering (Wendy Tsao) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Wed. March 13.....P. H. Community School 'family cooking class' - PHSS, 5 p.m.
- Thu. March 14.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRDR boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 14.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (SC Resource Centre) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 14.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRDR boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Sun. March 17.....St. Patrick's Day**
- Thu. March 21.....PHSI presents Daryl Luster (conversation on hepatitis) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 21.....SCRD electoral Area Services Committee - SCRDR boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 21.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Daryl Luster) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Sat. March 23.....Easter turkey, ham and pie auction - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 3 p.m.
- Sun. March 24.....P. H. Music Society presents Matthew Byrne, P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Mon. March 25.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Mon. March 25.....P. H. Garden Club presents Sandy Matches - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.
- Thu. March 28.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRDR boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 28.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRDR boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Thu. March 28.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (armchair travel) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Sun. March 31.....Lions Easter Pancake Breakfast - P. H. Lions Hall, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Easter egg hunt noon)

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. b 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. a 6. b



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